

# Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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## -- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Amendment filed 11/28/06.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-5,7-12 and 14-20.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the:
    1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
    2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
    3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

**THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.**

4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
  5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
    - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
      - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
    - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

### Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

## **DETAILED ACTION**

### **EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.
2. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Allen Cooper (For David Hitt) on February 2, 2006.
3. To correct a 35 USC 101 problem, in claim 8, line 8, the limitation "allowing younger instructions to complete" has been changed to "completing younger instructions".

### ***Allowable Subject Matter***

4. Claims 1-5, 7-12 and 14-19 are allowed.
5. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:
  - a. Referring to claim 1, the prior art of record has not taught or suggested "multiply-accumulate instructions being grouped based on said rules, wherein said rules comprise:  
  
a rule of never mapping an instruction that depends on a result of an older instruction, with the following exceptions:  
  
except wherein said instruction is a younger instruction and is a store or push operation and wherein said older instruction is not a MAC instruction, or

except wherein said younger instruction is a multiply accumulate operation and said older instruction updates said accumulate stage.”

in combination with the claimed instruction grouping logic, multiply-accumulate unit and the out of order completion logic.

b. Referring to claim 8, the prior art of record has not taught or suggested “multiply-accumulate instructions being grouped according to grouping rules based on said causing and allowing, wherein said rules comprise:

a rule of never mapping an instruction that depends on a result of an older instruction, with the following exceptions:

except wherein said instruction is a younger instruction and is a store or push operation and wherein said older instruction is not a MAC instruction, or

except wherein said younger instruction is a multiply accumulate operation and said older instruction updates said accumulate stage.”

in combination with the claimed providing, causing and completing steps.

c. Referring to claim 15, the prior art of record has not taught or suggested “multiply-accumulate instructions being grouped based on said rules wherein said rules comprise:

a rule of never mapping an instruction that depends on a result of an older instruction, with the following exceptions:

except wherein said instruction is a younger instruction and is a store or push operation and wherein said older instruction is not a MAC instruction, or

except wherein said younger instruction is a multiply accumulate operation and said older instruction updates said accumulate stage."

in combination with the claimed pipeline, instruction issue unit, multiply accumulate unit and the out-of-order completion logic.

6. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

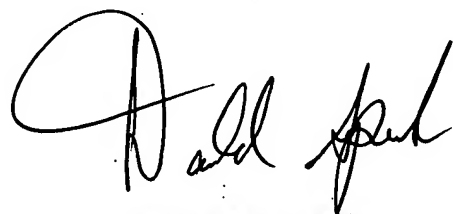
### ***Conclusion***

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tonia L. Meonske whose telephone number is (571) 272-4170. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday with first Friday's off.
8. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Donald Sparks can be reached on (571) 272-4201. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Donald Sparks", written in a cursive style.

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SUPERVISORY PATENT EXAMINER